

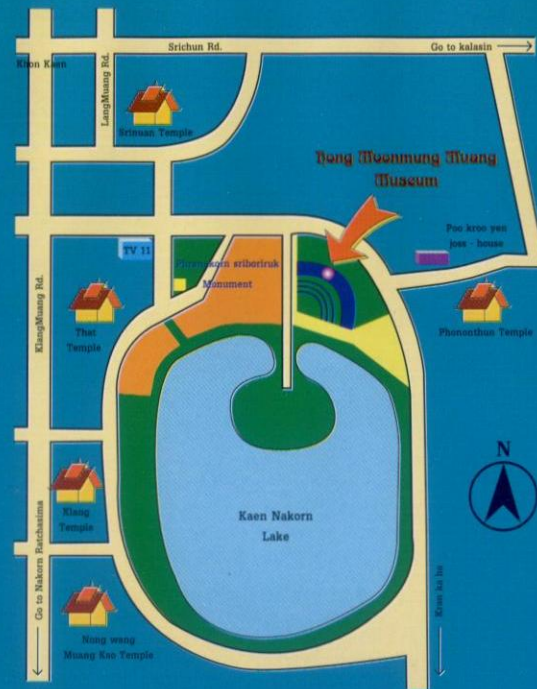
However, Khon Kaen Municipality could only start the Hong Moonmung of the city. The next move towards its completion should rely on the older generations of its people to fulfil the data for the younger generations to take pride in its history and civilization.

... The collections at the Hong Moonmung Muang Khon Kaen await your visits to see the charms and originality of Khon Kaen people.



Hong Moonmung Muang : Khonkaen City Museum

## The map of Hong Moonmung Muang Khon Kaen



### Opening hours

12.00 - 8.00 p.m. Tuesday - Sunday

Not closed on national holidays (Closed on Monday only)

**Entrance fee :** adult 20 baht  
children 10 baht  
foreigner 90 baht

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## Hong Moonmung Muang Khon Kaen



by Public Relations Office, Academic  
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Khon Kaen Municipality





“Hong Moonmung” of Khon Kaen is located on the ground floor of the 200-year public park building of Khon Kaen Municipality at Kaen Nakorn Lake. Inside the Hong Moonmung Muang Khon Kaen, the space is allocated for exhibitions and souvenirs. For the exhibition zone, it is divided for exhibitions of systems of the government, ways of life, wisdom and the cultural uniqueness which is considered the pride of people in Khon Kaen.

The exhibitions cover the pre-historic age, the age of city establishment, the age of prosperity, and Khon Kaen today. So as to make the exhibitions more interesting and fascinating. The means of presentation include the integration of models and modern technology-slides, videos, multimedia, graphic boards, models, and pictorial illustration.

### Among the five zones of the exhibitions are

Zone 1 Introduction of Khon Kaen

Zone 2 History of Khon Kaen and Cultures of the Ancient Period

Zone 3 The Establishment of the City

Zone 4 The City and Ways of Life of People in Khon Kaen

Zone 5 Khon Kaen Today

## Zone 1

### Introduction to Khon Kaen

With abundance of rich land for people to earn their living, Khon Kaen has been an interesting the name place of inquest. For instance, the name of Khon Kaen has not been resolved where it has derived or what it means. Nonetheless, some experts have come up with three hypotheses.

The first dinosaur fossils found in Thailand called “Siam Motyrannus Isanensist Phuwiangosaurus Sirindhornae” were 1600 million years old.

Though Dong Muang Am aged over 1200 years has not been really excavated, there have been evidences that there is the largest ancient city lying under the ground of the area.



The concept of the name of Khon Kaen is based on three hypotheses.

Dinosaur fossils, “Phuwiangosaurus Sirindhornae”



The Dong Muang Am City plan, the largest ancient city in Thailand.

## Zone 2

### History of Khon Kaen and Cultures of the Ancient Period

If we trace back 3000-5000 years into the past to study history of Khon Kaen, we will find that temples were the places where customs, traditions and local beliefs originated. They were also the centers where villagers could hold their relationship in handling the traditions and customs such as cloth weaving, dressing, farming, house building, and healing of local healers.

Ancient Cambodian art during the reign of King Chaiworaman VII, the Naraibantomsin decorative pattern of Goo Puainoi.



Hotsong is the rite of priests rank promotion.

Local healers using herbs in treatment.





### Zone 3

## The Establishment of the City

Before it could become the city of Khon Kaen with stability and peacefulness as it is nowadays, the ancestors had to endure, put a lot of effort, and unite in migrating to a rich land to settle down for seven times. The evidences such as biographies of the ancestors who played very important roles in the establishment of the city, the rite of the setting of the city pillar, the notice of the city establishment, and the governor's stamp, are still present for the younger generations to worship, study, and observe.

Beuban or the city pillar unites the people of Khon Kaen.



The ex-Khon Kaen governors



The governor's stamp was used to stamp the official evidence.



### Zone 4

## The city and Ways of Life of People in Khon Kaen

The good temperament, generosity, friendliness, and helpfulness of people in Khon Kaen, the geographical landscape and characteristics of the city help make Khon Kaen an interesting and attractive city for people of different nationalities, religions, and cultures namely Chinese, Vietnamese, Indian, Pakistani, and Christians, to settle down here. Consequently, they become part of its progress and prosperity, in terms of economy, religious activities, and means of living together in society.



Cloth weaving of women in Khon Kaen



Trade strategies of Vietnamese women



Tea time and chat among the Chinese



"Cloth Merchants" is the nick name for the Indian.

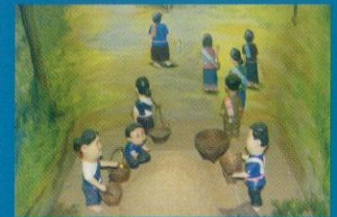
### Zone 5

## Khon Kaen Today

What signifies the progress and prosperity of Khon Kaen is not only visible materials but also what the offspring of its people have traditionally applied the underlying good teachings in their daily life.

Thus, Khon Kaen today is a city with its unique and fascinating art, culture, architecture, tourist attractions, and modern technology, which mould the people's characters to become well-rounded and capable of performing a variety of professions, and above all, to be very proud of their hometown.

"Bun Koon Lan" one of the Heet Sib Song Kong Sib See is a rite of Gesim or a chapel of the northeastern culture.



Sim or Church Isan architecture



Paradorn Srichaphan, a world class professional tennis player is originally from Khon Kaen.







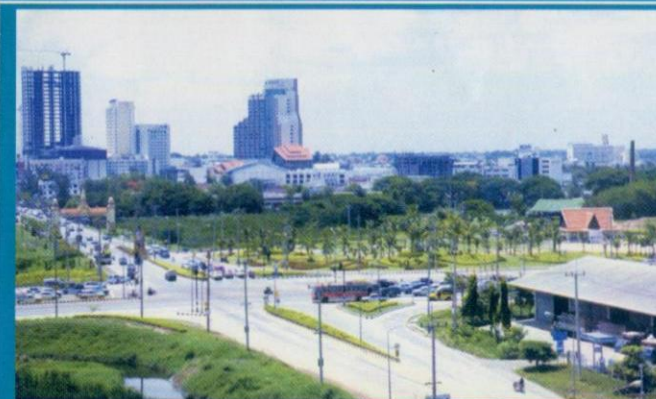
**Khon Kaen** has been the land of civilization with cultural heritages and prosperity since the prehistoric age. Such evidence can be identified by the biggest ancient community found in Thailand and by the fossils verifying life in the past million years.

The city of Khon Kaen is also known as the capital of Isan or the Northeast; it is the center of economy, education, government offices, business, transportation and services. Not only that, Khon Kaen is well-known for tourist attractions, historical places, and traditions which have been carried on by the younger generations until today.

# The Origin of Isan...Khon Kaen

**“Understand History. Appreciate Custom and Tradition. Learn About Local Wisdom”**

**“Hong Moonmung Muang Khon Kaen”** is established so that local people can appreciate and realize the essence of history of Khon Kaen-before it could become stable as it is nowadays. In addition, it should stimulate the people to appreciate the virtue of custom and tradition related to their ways of life, which are full of ideas, cautions, and moral precept for people to follow. Needless to say, it should encourage the younger generations to learn about local wisdom of their ancestors. In other words, it should be able to unite the people in the community to realize what they should do to maintain the goodness of their custom and culture. Besides, the youth and the public can search for historical data, art and culture of their city. “Hong Moonmung Muang Khon Kaen” should also help tourists and people from elsewhere to really learn about Khon Kaen.



## The Meaning of “Hong Moonmung”

“Hong Moonmung” in the northeastern dialect can be divided into two words, “Hong” and “Moonmung” “Hong” refers to a big hall or a tower. “Moonmung” means assests or heritage. Thus, “Hong Moonmung Muang Khon Kaen” signifies a big tower storing assests idetifying history and ways of life of the people of Khon Kaen from the past to the present.

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